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1. CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF APRIL 2 CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE "TURKS BECOMING FANATIC" WITH TEXT ON GOT OIL EXPLOITATION AND RECENT ARTICLES IN TURKISH PRESS. PAPER ALSO FRONTPAGES LARGE PHOTO OF MARCH 30 "HURRIYET" STORY ON GREEK ARMED FORCES AND APPARENT TURKISH PHOTO OF MARCH 25 ATHENS MILITARY PARADE (REF).

2. TEXT CHARGES THAT "HURRIYET" RAISING ISSUE OF ARMS RACE FOR "REDOMINANCE OF EAGEAN". GOT ALLEGEDLY CLAIMING THAT AEGEAN IS AREA OF "JOINT SOVEREIGNTY", WHILE "TREATY LAUSANNE, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, AND MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS" ESTABLISH THAT AEGEAN IS "GREEK LAKE". REPORT CONTINUES THAT, ACCORDING TO "NATO OBSERVERS", AEGEAN UNDER GREEK SOVERIGNTY AND GREEK NAVAL COMMANDER SIMULTANEOUSLY "COMMANDER OF ALLIED NAVAL FORCES IN AEGEAN, INCLUDING TURKISH NAVAL UNITS OF AREA". LATTER POSITION REPORTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY GOT DELEGATE TO RECENT LOS CONFERENCE IN ATHENS. "VORRAS" ACCOUNT QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM "HURRIYET" RE

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GREEK MILITARY STRENGTH AND WARNS THAT LATTER MAY AGAIN BE

USED TO INFLAME TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION AS DURING 1956
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